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1. PRESS COVERAGE HERE OF REF MATTER HAS BEEN RELATIVELY HEAVY AND PROMINENTLY FEATURED, WITH CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM AS TO VALIDITY SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS OF MARTIN BORMANN ROLE AS SOVIET AGENT. NO SUBSTANTIAL REVFLATIONS NOTED HERE TO DATE BEYOND THOSE CONTAINED IN NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE AND LATER UPI RELEASE. WE MIGHT NOTE THAT SOURCE EGNA 42565 IS DESCRIBED, WE GATHER ACCURATELY, AS FORMER U.S. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. BONN MAY WISH SUPPLEMENT ABOVE WITH CHARACTERIZATION NATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE.

2. <sup>SK</sup> [ ] ASKED CATRIBE [ALIAS BERNHARDT] FOR COMMENT 7 SEPTEMBER. HE CALLED IN ALIAS FLEMING FOR OUR MEETING OF WHICH FOLL IS SUMMARY.

3. IN EFFECT, PRESS REVELATIONS OVER WEEKEND CAME TO CATRIBE AS SAME SORT OF SURPRISE AS THEY HAD TO US (WE DID NOT DISABUSE BERNHARDT OF THIS ASSERTION.) [ ] WAS AWARE THAT REF AUTHOR PREPARING SOME SORT OF BOOK, BUT KNEW NEITHER TIMING OF ITS PUBLICATION, IDENTITY OF PUBLISHER, OR CONTENT. [BERNHARDT] STATED FLATLY THAT AUTHOR HAD NOT SOUGHT OFFICIAL WHBRUSH APPROVAL

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FOR HIS WORK, EITHER FROM CATRIBE OR ELSEWHERE. AUTHOR HAD ASKED [BERNHARDT] SOME TIME AGO TO GO OVER MANUSCRIPT AS "CENSOR", BUT [BERNHARDT] HAD DECLINED, FEELING THAT CATRIBE SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THIS POSITION, AND HE THEREFORE FELT, WITH ONE "EXCEPTION" (FRAU KUNZE, WHO ACTUALLY TYPED MANUSCRIPT), THAT NO CATRIBE PERSON HAD SEEN THE TEXT.

4. IN THIS SITUATION, [BERNHARDT] COULD ONLY SPECULATE AS TO CONTENTS. HIS PERSONAL, PERHAPS OPTIMISTIC, VIEW IS THAT IT WILL PARTAKE NOT SO MUCH OF THE NATURE OF MEMOIRS AS OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AND OF POLITICAL COMMENTARY. THIS DESPITE THE BORMANN ASPECT, TO WHICH [BERNHARDT] COMMENTED THAT THE ONLY BASIS KNOWN TO HIM FOR THIS ALLEGATION LAY IN THE VAGUE REPORTING FROM [ ] IN 1961 TO THE EFFECT THAT, DURING THE WAR, SOVIET INTELLIGENCE WAS TARGETTED ON HIGH NSDAP OFFICIALS, AND THAT BORMANN'S NAME WAS MENTIONED VERY LOOSELY IN THIS CONTEXT. HE HAS NO IDEA WHETHER THE AUTHOR HAS RETAINED ANY "PRIVATE SOVIET SOURCE," BUT HE DEALT WITH THIS POSSIBILITY QUITE IRONICALLY.

5. [BERNHARDT] NOTED THAT THE AUTHOR HAD BEEN DRIVEN BY HIS SON TO A RETREAT IN THE ALLGAEU ON THE WEEKEND, BEFORE THE PUBLICITY BROKE, AND THAT HE INTENDED TO REMAIN SECLUDED

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THERE FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS, IN A LOCATION UNKNOWN TO CATRIBE  
OR, SO FAR AS [BERNHARDT] KNEW, ANYONE ELSE.

6. VIEW ABOVE, WE UNABLE MAKE ANY PRELIMINARY JUDGMENTS  
AS TO SECURITY ASPECTS REF PUBLICATION, AND WILL HAVE TO AWAIT  
BEGINNING SERIAL PUBLICATION IN DIE WELT ON 11 SEPTEMBER. IN  
THIS CONNECTION, [BERNHARDT] REPORTED THAT SPRINGER PRESS HAD  
ASSEMBLED TASK FORCE SOME MONTHS AGO, ALLEGEDLY TO WORK ON REBUTTAL  
TO SPIEGEL SERIES, BUT IT NOW APPEARS MORE LIKELY TO PREPARE  
THIS SERIAL, WHICH WILL CONTAIN NOT ONLY EXTRACTS FROM AUTHOR'S  
WORK BUT ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY PREPARED BY SPRINGER STAFF.  
FROM ALL APPEARANCES, WE CAN EXPECT A LIVELY FALL; THE  
"POLITICIZATION" OF CATRIBE IS APPARENTLY TO BE REVENGED INDIRECTLY  
ON THE SAME POLITICAL SCENE. GP-1.

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